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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants amend claim 12 and cancel 20.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 12 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Daidai et al. (U.S. 5,593,721). Claims 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daidai et al. Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Daidai et al. in view of Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Applicants have amended claim 12 to include all of the features recited in allowable claim 20. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12-19 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

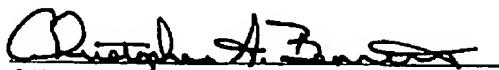
To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a One-month extension of time, extending to May 21, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2005.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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